

PRIVATE ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT

LSC grantees leverage federal funding and maximize the number of clients they serve by involving private attorneys in the delivery of legal services, primarily through provision of services to eligible clients on a volunteer basis. Appropriate pro bono cases are referred to local attorneys who have agreed to represent eligible clients without charge.

In addition to pro bono efforts, grantees involve private attorneys through lawyer referral services sponsored by local bar associations. Such services may refer fee-generating cases to private attorneys in exchange for a commitment to accept pro bono or reduced fee referrals. Grantees also contract with private attorneys to handle individual cases or certain categories of cases, or involve private attorneys as co-counsel in complex cases on a volunteer or contract basis.

2004-2012 Private Attorney Involvement (PAI) for LSC Programs ²³						
Year	Pro Bono Cases Closed	Contract/Judicare Cases Closed	PAI Other Cases Closed	Total PAI Cases Closed	% of PAI Cases: Pro Bono	Attorneys Accepting Referrals
2004	72,690	23,445	6,837	102,972	70.59%	33,473
2005	64,963	26,830	5,700	97,493	66.63%	33,463
2006	63,621	25,142	5,159	93,922	67.74%	32,222
2007	64,494	28,457	4,580	97,531	66.13%	31,186
2008	57,719	31,052	4,397	93,168	61.95%	35,718
2009	65,022	33,653	5,069	103,744	62.68%	34,089
2010	71,444	30,750	5,427	107,621	66.38%	36,033
2011	79,578	23,077	0	102,655	77.52%	34,158
2012	80,209	19,377	0	99,586	80.54%	33,405

2004-2012 Pro Bono with Percentage Change for LSC Programs ²³				
Year	Pro Bono Cases Closed	Total LSC Cases Closed	Pro Bono Cases as a % of Total Cases Closed	% Change of Pro Bono/ Total Cases Closed
2004	72,690	901,067	8.07%	—
2005	64,963	906,338	7.17%	-11.15%
2006	63,621	895,488	7.10%	-0.88%
2007	64,494	906,507	7.11%	0.14%
2008	57,719	889,155	6.49%	-8.76%
2009	65,022	920,447	7.06%	8.82%
2010	71,444	932,406	7.66%	8.47%
2011	79,578	899,817	8.84%	15.42%
2012	80,209	809,830	9.90%	11.99%